

Memorandum of Understanding

Regarding

Tribal ~ USDA-Forest Service Relations

on

National Forest Lands Within the Territory Ceded

in the Washington Treaty of 1836 and any National Forest Lands Located

within the Exterior Boundaries of the Reservation of any Signatory Tribe

APPENDIX C

**WILDERNESS
AND RESEARCH NATURAL AREAS**

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INTRODUCTION

The intent of this publication is to provide a readily accessible means of identifying Wildernesses and Research Natural Areas along with associated regulations applicable to the National Forest Gathering Code.

Wildernesses protect lands to be primarily affected by forces of nature, without human influence. Research Natural Areas protect lands to maintain biological diversity, allow for non-manipulative biological research, and foster natural history education.

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WILDERNESSES

REGULATIONS

Motorized vehicles, boats, and machinery prohibited within designated wilderness areas.
Bicycles and other wheeled mechanisms also prohibited within designated wilderness areas.

Gathering of wild plants within designated wilderness areas shall be prohibited except for religious, medicinal or ceremonial uses and in accordance with the terms of a special use permit issued by the Tribe.

WILDERNESSES

HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST

Big Island Lake
Delirium
Horseshoe Bay
Mackinac
Rock River Canyon
Round Island

HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST

Nordhouse Dunes

RESEARCH NATURAL AREAS

REGULATIONS

Gathering of wild plants prohibited within designated research natural areas except for religious, medicinal or ceremonial use with permission from Tribe.

RESEARCH NATURAL AREAS

HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST

Dukes
Grand Island
Horseshoe Bay

HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST

Hayes Tower
Newaygo Prairies
Nordhouse Dunes

Through the Revised Forest Planning process additional Candidate RNA's could be identified and incorporated.